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revocation.      So I think that there's a...there's a multiple thing there that we need to work on to get, make sure that we have oversight on this.

SENATOR VRTISKA:      Thank you, Senator Connealy.      I guess the thing that really bothered me more than anything about this is we have a number of these claims that are submitted with the amount of time that was spent, and the pay was based on the hours that they spent or the time that they spent.      We have a whole group here from Lincoln County that have an "A" behind them, which says there was nothing...it was either not applicable or they didn't get any...there was no responses or indication of how much time was spent, and those, interestingly, are all \$500 apiece.      Makes you wonder how did they happen to come out at exactly the same amount of time on every one of those cases, or if they just arbitrarily decided it was worth \$500 of their time to take care of these claims.      And I...I...I guess I really have a problem that...that those are even being accepted without any indication of the amount of time that is spent on these cases.      I suspect that we'll probably pay these, but my concerns are, and I think it should be everybody's concern, if this is the road we're going down, in another year this could be \$100,000 easily if every county in the state decides...the county attorney decides he wants to be paid for taking care of these revocation cases.      So I think it's something we need to look at very seriously and I suspect we probably will.      What would be your make?

SENATOR CONNEALY:      I...I think we could do it three different ways.      We could...we could say the Department of Motor Vehicles should do it and add attorneys to do that there.      We should...we could repeal the ALR statutes so that we don't do that administrative license revocation, or we could put it where our attorney, the state's attorney, represents us and so that there's some uniformity and there's also some oversight.      I still think that the county attorneys could be hired to do this or be compensated for them, or they could do it for nothing, if they would still do that.      But I think we need some oversight.      We don't have any way to answer whether that \$500 bill in Lincoln County is justified or not.      Because the court ordered it, it's done.